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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Shinji KITAMURA :
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR EMBEDDING WATERMARK INFORMATION IN
COMPRESSED IMAGE DATA, AND APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
RETRIEVING WATERMARK INFORMATION FROM COMPRESSED IMAGE DATA
HAVING WATERMARK INFORMATION EMBEDDED THEREIN



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Respectfully submitted,

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